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## PROGRAMME OF WAR AND PEACE IS MAPPED OUT

PRESIDENT GIVES FULL ANSWER TO GERMANY'S CHALLENGE.

## FOURTEEN CLAUSES

All Future Covenants Between Nations Must Be Reached In Open.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The President presented the following, as necessary elements of world peace:

1. Open covenants of peace without private international understandings.
2. Absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war, except as may be closed by international action.
3. Removal of all economic barriers and establishment of equality of trade conditions among nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.
4. Guarantees for the reduction of National armaments to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.
5. Impartial adjustment of all colonial claims based upon the principle that the people concerned have equal weight with the interest of the government.
6. Evacuation of all Russia territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.
7. Evacuation of Belgium with out any attempt to limit her sovereignty.
8. All French territory to be freed and restored and reparation for the taking of Alsace-Lorraine.
9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers and on clearly recognizable lines of nationality.
10. Free opportunity for autonomous development of the peoples of Austria-Hungary.
11. Evacuation of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro with access to the sea for Serbia and international guarantees of economic and political independence and territorial integrity of the Balkan states.
12. Secure sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman empire but with other nationalities under Turkish rule assured security of life and opportunity for autonomous development, with the Dardanelles permanently opened to all nations.
13. Establishment of an independent Polish state including territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations with free access to the sea and political and economic independence and territorial integrity guaranteed by international covenant.
14. General association of nations under specific covenants for mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to large and small states alike.

"For such arrangements and covenants," said the President in conclusion, "we are willing to fight and continue to fight until they are achieved, but only because we wish the right to prevail and desire a just and lasting peace."

Such a programme, he said, removed chief provocations for war.

Washington, Jan. 9.—America's programme of war and peace, with definite terms upon which the nations great and small fighting together against German world domination are ready to lay down their arms was given to the world by President Wilson Tuesday through an address to Congress in joint session.

For this programme, based upon the righting of wrongs and the safety of peace loving people desiring to live their own lives, the President committed the United States to fight and continue to fight until it is achieved. Thus he pledged the country to the allied policy of no separate peace. "We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose," he said. "We stand together to the end."

The speech heard by Congress at an hour's notice and accepted with a wave of approval that brought together virtually every element of both Houses, was delivered as a direct response to the German challenge in the negotiations with the Russians at Brest-Litovsk. It followed closely and approved the address of the British premier but was far more specific in statement of terms, robbing of force in advance any German peace drive designed to confuse the entente and

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## E. H. CHILDERS, SR., DIES AT COMO, MISS.

WELL KNOWN COLUMBIAN PASSES AWAY AT HOME OF DAUGHTER.

The body of Mr. E. H. Childers, Sr., a well known Columbian who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Harris, in Como, Miss., Monday night, was brought here for burial, having arrived over the Mobile and Ohio railroad at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening and the funeral having taken place at the First Baptist church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, with Rev. T. L. Holcomb, the pastor, as the officiating clergyman.

Mr. Childers had been a resident of Columbus from boyhood and was on a visit to his daughter in Como when death overtook him. He had been in business here as a contractor and builder for many years and was prominent in fraternal as well as in business circles, having for nearly half a century been a member of Union Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., and his fellow Odd Fellows attended the funeral in the body, having participated in the services.

Deceased was 70 years old and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward Templeton, of Memphis, and Mrs. George Harris, of Como, and three sons, Messrs. Edward, Lee and Joseph Childers.

## Using Wood For Fuel.

While coal is scarce in Columbus as well as in other cities throughout the country and some local industrial enterprises are being inconvenienced by lack of fuel, the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company is not among the number, as that concern has for some time past been using wood almost exclusively.

Nearly a year ago officials of the public service corporation entered into a contract with the Columbus Lumber Company, which operates one of the largest saw and planing mills in this section, to use its refuse lumber, and this lumber is hauled direct from the mill to the power plant on the company's own track.

This arrangement is not only convenient for the company's patrons permitting them to use freely both electric current and gas, but has the added effect of being decidedly patriotic, as the use of wood at the power plant naturally conserves the supply of coal.

## Old Yarn For Red Cross.

Have you any old yarn at home? If you have it can be of immense value in the Red Cross work. The children of the schools of the city are making little squares which later will go into completed blankets for the little homeless and orphan children of France.

If you have any old yarn and you are willing to contribute it to the Red Cross cause send it to the Red Cross work rooms at the city hall or to Miss Mary Stokes at the Barrow Memorial school.

## FIVE SALARIES FOR OFFICIALS

SUPERVISORS DECIDE UPON REMUNERATION FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

The board of supervisors of Lowndes county has named minor officials for the ensuing year and fixed monthly salaries as follows: County attorney, C. L. Lincoln, \$25; manager county farm, Thad Brazelle, \$50; county engineer and commissioner, C. L. Wood, \$100; keeper of county bridge, J. C. Graves, \$30; custodian of court house, W. W. Sharp, \$50.

Chancery Clerk B. A. Lincoln is ex-officio county auditor, and his salary for keeping the county books and records was fixed at \$500 for the year. The salary of Dr. T. H. Henry, county health officer, was fixed at \$400 per annum.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fields and daughters, Audie and Aubie Fields, of Cedar Bluff, recently came to Columbus and will in the future reside here.

Mrs. H. G. Henderson, of Georgetown, Ky., a former Columbian, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lawrence, west of the city.

## HEALTH SURVEY OF THE COUNTY IS TO BE MADE

SUPERVISORS ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

## WILL COST \$8,000

Expense Is To Be Equally Shared By The County And State.

The board of supervisors of Lowndes county at their regular monthly meeting Monday decided to accept the proposition made by the Mississippi State Board of Health for a pollution survey of the county, and an agreement was entered into by the terms of which the work will begin at an early date. The survey will cost about \$8,000, and the expense will be borne jointly by the county and the state, the state putting up \$4,000 and the county an equal amount.

The proposition was made through Dr. Chaillos Cross, of Meridian, associate state director of the board of health, who appeared before the supervisors Monday and explained the plan in detail. Mr. Ira L. Gaston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes county, with other prominent citizens, were also present and urged the board to accept the proposition. A petition circulated by Dr. John Oliver asking that the work be undertaken was also presented and other pressure was brought to bear on the county solons, among the most earnest advocates of the survey having been Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College. The survey will necessitate a great deal of chemical work and Mr. Whitfield has promised to have this work performed in the college laboratory free of cost.

The survey will be directed by a trained health officer, who will have several experienced men and women to assist him in the work. Every section of the county will be covered and the experts will not only examine into the different diseases which are so common here, but will ascertain the causes of these diseases and see that they are effectually removed. An important feature of the undertaking will consist in providing for the removal of all of material and toilets will be thoroughly cleaned and carefully screened. When the work is completed Lowndes will be one of the healthiest counties in the state, and the survey will add materially to the welfare of the community as good health is essential to good work and the people will be better prepared than ever before to successfully prosecute commercial, industrial, and agricultural activities.

## Rev. F. J. Clark at St. Paul's.

Rev. Franklin J. Clark, secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church with headquarters in New York city, will preach next Sunday morning at St. Paul's church. Mr. Clark is one of the big men of the church and is making a tour of the South in the interest of the missionary campaign which is being conducted throughout the country, and at Bishop Bratton's request he is including the Diocese of Mississippi in his campaign.

On Saturday evening it is his desire to meet the men of the church in the Parish House for a conference.

## Young—Bowman.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Dr. O. B. Sears, minister of the First Church of Christ, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, when Miss Margaret Bowman, formerly of Brookhaven, was married to Mr. Melvin C. Young, of this city. The bride, who is a graduate of Whitworth College, of Brookhaven has been residing in this city during the past month. The groom holds a responsible position with the Columbus Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Cockerham and son, Phillip, former Columbians who are now residing at Clarksville, Tenn., were recent visitors to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Egger, at Caledonia.

Saturday Evening Post, \$1.50 a year. Jack Septer.

## ORGANIZATION IS IN GOOD SHAPE

AFFAIRS OF COLUMBUS NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION SATISFACTORY.

The first year's business of the Columbus National Farm Loan Association, which closed this week, proved to be most successful in every way, and the records show that the business of the local organization has surpassed any other loan association in north Mississippi for the past twelve months. During the year the sum of \$53,000 was paid to local members, and a report made by the secretary showed that the Federal Loan Bank in New Orleans has in hand for approval \$62,400.

At the annual meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. F. Sherrod, president; M. V. Friday, vice-president; H. G. McGowan, secretary and treasurer; Wiley C. Banks, W. E. Waring, T. J. Walters and Dr. J. W. McClain, directors.

## London Awaits Reply.

London, Jan. 9.—A reply from the central powers to the statement of British war aims made by Premier Lloyd George Saturday is awaited here with the greatest interest. It is believed they cannot decline to reply in some form and to make the reply more straightforward and definite than any previous statement of their aims.

But if the German papers correctly mirror the situation there, the test which the Bolsheviks have made of Germany's attitude toward the principle of no annexations has thrown Germany into political turmoil. Advice from the capitals of neutral countries bordering on Germany show that the opinion prevalent there is that one of the most severe national crisis in the history of Germany is developing as a result of the difference of views between the militarist and nonmilitarist leaders regarding the government's attitude toward Russia.

It is reported generally that Gen. von Ludendorff, as leader of the former group, actually has gone so far as to threaten the resignation of himself and Field Marshal von Keublmann and Count Czernin, the German and Austrian foreign ministers.

At the same time the view of von Keublmann and Czernin fail to satisfy the German Socialists, who regard their middle-of-the-road policy as tricky and who also are determined that the spirit of the Reichstag resolution must be followed sincerely and without qualification or reserve.

Neutral observers declare that the gap between the German parties suddenly has become a chasm so wide that there is little hope of bridging it and that the development of an internal crisis of serious proportions seems inevitable.

On the other hand, it is pointed out the various parties in entente countries never appeared so completely united as in their support of the war aims formulated by Premier Lloyd George.

## Basket Ball Friday.

The girls' basket ball team and the boys' basket ball team of the S. D. Lee High School will play the West Point High teams on the grounds of Franklin Academy Friday afternoon. Although these will be the first games of the season for the local High School the teams have been practicing hard and a good game is anticipated. The public is cordially invited to attend the games and boost the S. D. Lee teams. The admission fee for both games will be 15 cents for school children and 20 cents for all others.

## FIRST STATE BANK NAMED DEPOSITORY

MONEY OF COUNTY WILL BE KEPT IN LOCAL BANK COMING YEAR.

The First State Bank, of this city, was yesterday named by the board of supervisors as the depository of Lowndes county for the ensuing year.

During the past three months a Tupelo bank has been the depository of the county funds, and the naming of a local institution for the purpose is good news to many people who were put to an extra expense to get warrants cashed.

## AMENDMENT ON PROHIBITION IS GIVEN SANCTION

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE QUICKLY RATIFIES MEASURE.

## IS FIRST TO ACT

Leads All State Lawmaking Bodies In Dry Nation Movement.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 9.—Fifteen minutes after the subject was presented in Gov. Bilbo's message to the legislature both houses ratified the proposed prohibition amendment to the federal constitution. Only eight dissenting votes were cast.

Mississippi is the first state in which such action was taken.

After devoting one hour and thirty minutes to listening to the address of Gov. Bilbo Tuesday afternoon, which was heard in joint session of the houses of the legislature, each branch began a real race in order to adopt a point resolution to ratify the proposed national prohibition amendment to the constitution.

Although the larger and as generally held to be the most unwieldy of the two bodies, the House outstripped the Senate in reaching a vote. The result of the roll call showing only three negative votes out of 96 men voting.

The Senate was in the midst of a discussion of a resolution which had been offered by Senator Franklin, identical in terms as that adopted by the House, when a message from the House was received with the information that it had passed the resolution. This was substituted for the Senate resolution and was adopted with only five out of 37 senators voting, recording themselves in the negative.

Other matters included in the 1918 Legislative programme were the questions of revision of state tax system, \$1,000,000 bond issue for improvement of the state's schools, taxation of worthless dogs in the interest of sheep raising, and making school attendance compulsory.

The reading of his 18,000-word message by the governor was the event of the day, considering the length and fullness of the document, which discussed state affairs and state institutions fully, boldly and without reservation, but he showed no indications of flag when he reached the conclusion of the address.

Directly after the reading of the executive message a most formidable budget statement was laid upon the desk of each member, which had been prepared by the governor from data filed with him by departmental and institution heads.

This shows a total demand for 1918 and 1919, as estimated, of \$12,698,874, an increase of \$2,169,079 above the last biennial period. In addition there are accumulated deficits, which are live obligations amounting to \$1,928,000, which are outside of and above appropriations for current expenditures and permanent improvements and must be met by raising the tax levy or by bond issue.

Mrs. A. W. Bradley, of Baltimore, who is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Annie Wood, has been spending the past two weeks in the city and county with friends and relatives. She expects to leave this week for Shreveport, La., to spend some time.

The German forces since the commencement of the war have usually been divided between the two fronts in the proportion of two men on the western front to one on the eastern.

A recently patented eyeshade is supported from the nose like eyeglasses and is reinforced by a malleable metal band that permits it to be fitted to heads of all shapes.

A curious perquisite of a Danish member of parliament is the right to a free Turkish bath anywhere in the kingdom.

The steel helmets adopted by the French and British weigh one and one-half pounds each.

Mrs. Katherine Davis, of Montgomery, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. I. McKellar.

## GRIEF OVERPOWERS GREENVILLE LADY

MRS. CHAS. COHEN HAS ONE DAUGHTER TO DIE; ANOTHER CRITICALLY ILL.

Grief which few women are called upon to bear has fallen to the lot of Mrs. Charles Cohen, of Greenville, Miss., who was recently called here to attend the bedside of her daughter, Miss Lillian, a student at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, and who upon reaching Columbus found awaiting her a telegram announcing the death of a second daughter, Mrs. Farr, at her home in Montgomery, Ala.

The body of Mrs. Farr was brought from Montgomery to Columbus, and carried on to Greenville for interment, having been accompanied thence by the grief-stricken mother. In the meantime, the second daughter, Miss Lillian, remains in a critical condition at the Columbus Hospital, and it is feared that her illness will prove fatal.

## Peace Demonstrations.

Geneva, Jan. 9.—Peace demonstrations took place in Berlin and other German cities when news was received that the Russo-German peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk had been broken off, said a message from the German frontier today. Crowds marched through the streets of Berlin, Essen and Leipzig shouting "we must have peace."

## Many Taking Stenography.

Students of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College have since the United States declared war against Germany, shown an abiding interest in patriotic work of various kinds, having made liberal donations to the Red Cross, the Y. W. C. A. and other altruistic organizations are now preparing to take the place of men called to the colors by taking up industrial courses. Stenography is very popular, and many young ladies who will graduate next spring have added that branch to their studies. Other commercial courses are being enthusiastically undertaken, and the college will furnish the country many valuable recruits in various activities.

The junior class of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College will on Friday evening, January 11, present the sparkling patriotic comedy drama, "An American Citizen," for the benefit of the Red Cross fund. The performance will be directed by Miss Grace Massengale, a member of the college faculty.

Mr. Robert Hardy, who was included in the Lowndes county boy drafted several months ago, and who for some time has been acting as private secretary in detachment service at Little Rock, has been included among those accepted for the third training camp at Camp Pike.

Mr. W. W. Egger, of Caledonia, was a visitor to Columbus yesterday.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

Peace can only come after every nation is convinced that all military conspiracies against the peace of the world are foredoomed, former President Taft declared in an address of "The Great War," in Brooklyn.

Divisional staff headquarters of the American army in France had a deserted appearance on Sunday as a result of an order issued by General Pershing instructing the men to knock off work on Sundays in the future. The general remarked it was better for the men "to take the day off and get some exercise and fresh air than to stick in the office seven days a week."

The comptroller of the currency Monday issued a call for the conditions of the national banks as of the close of business on December 31. Butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 per pound, sugar at 56 cents per pound, ham and bacon at \$2.14 per pound and American soap at five bars for \$1.12. This information received by the food administrator comes from a responsible source. The prices are from four to five times as high as those now prevailing in the United States.

## LOCAL NEGRO DESERTS ARMY; ARRESTED HERE

EDWARD WILLIAMS QUITS POST AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

## HE EVADES ARREST

Tries to Make Officer Believe That He Was Honorably Discharged.

Edward Williams, a negro who a short time ago deserted from the national army at Newport News, Va., was arrested here Tuesday by Constable J. T. Robertson, who, upon instructions from Gen. Bell, the commander of the military post at Newport News, on yesterday took him to Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg, where he was turned over to army officials.

Williams, who was one of the first local negroes called out under the provisions of President Wilson's selective draft order, was sent to Camp Pike, near Little Rock, several months ago, but was later transferred to Newport News, where he became a member of the 302nd regiment, which is made of stevedores. He made his escape some time ago, and as it was known that Columbus was his home and he would probably come back here the local exemption board was requested to keep a lookout for him. J. R. Handle, secretary of the board, requested Constable Robertson to make an effort to find Williams, and this effort was successful, the negro having been found at the home of relatives.

When located the deserter sought to evade arrest by asserting that he had been honorably discharged from the army, and even went so far as to show Constable Robertson a newspaper clipping stating that a man named Edward Williams had been discharged on account of physical disabilities. Investigation, however, proved that the man discharged was another negro bearing the same name, and after it had been clearly established that the local coon was the man wanted he was taken into custody and afterwards carried to Camp Shelby to be turned over to army officials.

## Mr. Ritter Dies.

News of the death of Mr. C. A. Ritter, which took place Sunday in New Orleans, was a severe shock to his family and friends in Columbus, where he had resided for some time past. Mr. Ritter was a native of the Crescent City, but for several years had made his home here, having operated a shoe repair shop on North Market street. He had been in bad health for several months, and a short time ago he went to New Orleans for treatment.

Mr. Ritter, who was 46 years old, survived by his widow and a small son. He was a native of New Orleans, although he had resided in Mississippi a number of years, and the body was buried in the Crescent City.

## Bank Directors Named.

Stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce on Monday elected the following directors for the ensuing year: W. S. Lindamond, W. S. Puckett, F. P. Phillips, J. T. Sanders, Brooks McGowan, L. A. Loughan, A. H. Pegues, T. J. Hancock, T. K. Swoope, A. M. Lawrence, L. Rosenzweig, H. F. Simrall, C. A. McGahey, E. C. Chapman. The bank has had an unusually prosperous year, and the regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. was declared.

## Two More Saw Mills.

Several million feet of timber belonging to Mrs. F. M. Leigh, and located two miles north of Columbus, has been purchased by the Lowndes County Lumber Company, of this city, and a saw mill is now being installed on the Leigh place. A second mill will be erected within the next few weeks, and the output of the two plants will be handled through the dry kiln and planing mill of the Lowndes County Lumber Company in this city.

It is a good thing to know what your community needs; it is an equally good thing to help supply that need.—Southern Agriculturist.